

**LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MONTHLY MEETING**

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The Langlade County Board of Supervisors met at the County Board Room in the Clover Room at the Langlade County Fairgrounds. Vice-Chairman Medo called the September 16, 2020 Meeting of the County Board to order at 5:35 p.m.

On call of the roll, 20 Supervisors present. Motion by Supervisor Wiegert, second by Supervisor Curran to excuse Supervisor Pierce. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silence.

**Approve or amend the Agenda:** Motion by Supervisor Balcerzak, second by Supervisor Buck to approve the September 16, 2020 agenda. Voice vote: all ayes, motion carried.

**Approve or amend the minutes of August 18, 2020 meeting as printed:** Motion by Supervisor Benishek, second by Supervisor Novak to approve the August 18, 2020 meeting minutes as printed. On the call of the roll, all ayes, motion carried.

**Recognition of County Employees:** County Clerk Judy Nagel read the list: County Employee Milestones: Rebecca Rank, Deputy County Clerk, 5 years; Dianne Fritsch, Child Support Financial Support, 5 years; Barbara Combs, Judicial Assistant, 15 years; Damian Markusen, Highway Dept., 20 years; Joseph Tatro, Highway Dept., 20 years. No New Hires and Promotions. Retirements/Resignations: Joan Kretz, Deputy Clerk of Court, 11 years; Molly McKay, Land Conservationist, 7 years; Treyton Sambs, Highway Dept., 8 months. Clerk Nagel thanked Rebecca Rank for the work and skillset that she brings to the office. Supervisor Medo expressed thanks for Molly McKay and well wishes for her future endeavor.

**Correspondence:** No correspondence.

**Public comment on agenda items and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas:** No Public Comment.

**Citizens and Delegations, recognize other in Attendance:** Vice-Chairman Medo welcomed all in attendance for tonight's meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Referral from Forestry Committee: Reconsider RS #6-2019, increasing casual employee hours from 1190 to 1500:** Forest Administrator Rantala addressed the County Board, requesting increasing the hours for the LTE Park Assistant, from 1190 to 1500 hours, with funding in the Parks Budget. Motion by Supervisor Scupien, second by Supervisor Balcerzak to approve the increase, 1190 to 1500 hours, with funding in the Parks Budget. Voice vote: all ayes, motion carried.

**Review status of "hiring freeze" put in place by the previous County Manager:** Corporation Counsel Stowe discussed the hiring freeze put in place by previous County Manager, which freeze continues currently. Stowe explained the affordability index, what staff number can Langlade County actually afford, using the opportunity to downsize through attrition, services that would be affected to be determined and moving towards a 40-hour work week as an option. Stowe reported that Corporation Counsel and Interim County Manager Nagel have been meeting with Department Heads when a vacancy occurs to review the vacancy and give recommendation to the Personnel Committee. Discussion held on filling vacancies from within the current staff of Langlade County.

**Board Rules regarding: Donating per diems: 11.5 A Supervisor may donate per diems and other forms of compensation (mileage reimbursements) by issuing a personal check in the amount of the donated compensation to "Langlade County Treasurer" and indicating on the check "donated" per diem. Supervisors cannot waive receipt of a per diem:** County Board discussed this item at the August 18, 2020 County Board meeting, with no formal action taken. Motion by Supervisor Curran, second by Supervisor Balcerzak to amend County Board Rules, adding Board Rule 11.5 regarding donating per diems. On the call of the roll, all ayes, motion carried. County Board Rules will be amended as of September 16, 2020.

**Reconsider RS #30-2020: Designate the ADRC-CW as the Adult at Risk Agency Serving Langlade County: Adopted August 18, 2020:** Corporation Counsel Stowe discussed Resolution #30-2020, which resolution was adopted last month, as the resolution was to transition Adult at Risk services from NCHC to ADRC-CW. Discussion on funding for adult protective emergency services continuing with NCHC or transitioning to ADRC-CW. Motion by Supervisor Curran, second by Supervisor Wiegert to rescind Resolution #30-2020. Voice vote: all ayes, motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Consider request from Sheriff Mark Westen regarding Minimum Staffing Level for Corrections Officers:** Sheriff Westen addressed the County Board regarding the minimum staffing level for the Corrections Staff, currently in the County Board rules at 16, requesting to increase this level to 18, with funding in the budget. Discussion held. Motion by Supervisor Bonacci, second by Supervisor Feller Gottard to revise County Board Rule 12.1, increasing the minimum staffing level for Corrections Officers from 16 to 18. Discussion continued. Voice vote: all ayes, motion carried. County Board Rule 12.1 will be amended as of September 16, 2020.

**Discuss Sheriff's Office Fleet Vehicles acquired through Enterprise Fleet Management:** Not discussed at this time.

**Audit Report from 2019 Audit:** Auditor was unable to make this meeting, will be rescheduled.

**Langlade County Placement Costs for CHIPS and Juveniles for 2020:** Handout given to the Supervisors, with Health and Social Services Director Barger explaining the numbers, discussing the funding and projected costs. Supervisor Nye made note of the article regarding placements costs in the latest WCA magazine.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Elections or Appointments: Letter, Petitions and Communications:
- 2. Zoning Ordinances:

**ORD #8-2020Z** Request for Zone Change: Town of Wolf River, Langlade County:  
**ORDINANCE #8-2020Z**

**The Langlade County Board of Supervisors do hereby ordain as follows:**

**SECTION 1:** That the lands described as:

Being PT SE SE SEC 8 T31N R15E (Parcel #034-1742) Town of Wolf River, being a 2-acre building site. Now comprising a part of the FORESTRY W/FARMLAND PRESERVATION District is hereby rezoned into the AFR District.

**SECTION 2:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3:** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its date of adoption.

APPROVED: September 16, 2020 ADOPTED: September 16, 2020 Benjamin Pierce, County Board Chairman

ATTEST: September 16, 2020 Judy Nagel, County Clerk

Motion by Supervisor Benishek, second by Supervisor Fischer to approve the Consent Agenda. Voice vote: 20 ayes, 1 absent. The Consent Agenda is adopted.

**Committee Reports:** A summary of information contained in recent committee minutes on file in the County Clerk's Office.

**RESOLUTION #41-2020**

**INTRODUCED BY: AGRICULTURAL & EXTENSION/LAND CONSERVATION SOLID WASTE COMMITTEES**

**INTENT: AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A 2021 DNR SURFACE WATER GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, Langlade County has a wealth of surface water resources, used by the public for recreation and enjoyment of natural beauty; and

**WHEREAS**, public use and enjoyment of the lakes, rivers, and streams is best served by protecting these waterbodies from land use activities that threaten water quality and the natural lake ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, Langlade County is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of surface water protection and improvement projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the grant application; and

**WHEREAS**, a grant agreement is requested to carry out the project;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Langlade County Board of Supervisors supports the application for a Surface Water Grant to conduct a lake protection project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Langlade County will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the Land Conservationist to: sign and submit a grant application to the DNR; enter into a grant agreement with the DNR; submit quarterly and/or final reports to the DNR to satisfy the grant agreement, as appropriate; submit reimbursement requests to the DNR no later than the date specified in the grant agreement; sign and submit other documents as needed; and take necessary action to direct and complete an approved project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that applicant will comply with all local, state and federal rules, regulations and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share agreement.

**AGRICULTURAL & EXTENSION & LAND CONSERVATION/SOLID WASTE COMMITTEES:**

- Sandy Fischer, Chairperson
- Reinhardt Balcerzak
- Ron Nye
- Carol Feller Gottard
- Thomas Bauknecht
- Tom Schmidt

FISCAL NOTE: The financial obligation for the grant would come from in-kind expenses from Langlade County and contributions from lake association or lake districts within the county.

Motion by Supervisor Nye, second by Supervisor Balcerzak to adopt. Voice vote: 20 ayes, 1 absent. Resolution #41-2020 is adopted.

**RESOLUTION #42-2020**

**INTRODUCED BY: FORESTRY & RECREATION & WATER AND LAND USE COMMITTEE**

**INTENT: WITHDRAWAL AND TRADE OF COUNTY FOREST LAND TO GEORGE RICHARDS**

**WHEREAS**, Langlade County has under the County Forest Crop Law the NWNE, NENE, SENE and NESE Section 8; T34N-R9E, Township of Parrish, consisting of approximately 160 acres; and

**WHEREAS**, Langlade County will trade the above described County Forest Lands to George Richards for land he owns in the Township of Parrish, described as NWNW, NENW, SENW, SWNW Section 9; T34N-R9E, consisting of approximately 160 acres; and

**WHEREAS**, the described County Forest Lands are in the official county forest boundary; and

**WHEREAS**, improving the efficiency of boundary line maintenance while obtaining highly productive lands satisfies the management objectives of the Langlade County Forest; and

**WHEREAS**, the described George Richards property is within the official county forest land boundary and is easily accessible through adjacent property already under county ownership; and

**WHEREAS**, Langlade County will retain the stumpage value of currently established timber sales on the traded lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the approximate appraised value for two timber sales that will be advertised for sale in October, 2020 is \$20,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the lands acquired by Langlade County are of higher quality than what is being traded and of which over 100 acres is ready for immediate harvest; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Langlade County request the withdrawal of the NWNE, NENE, SENE and NESE Section 8; T34N-R9E, Township of Parrish, from under the County Forest Crop Law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Langlade County Board of Supervisors approve the land trade between Langlade County and George Richards for the above described properties.

**FORESTRY & RECREATION & WATER AND LAND USE COMMITTEE:**

Joseph Novak III, Chairman  
John Medo  
Bob Curran  
John Breske  
Reinhardt Balcerzak

**Fiscal Note:** No fiscal impact.

Motion by Supervisor Balcerzak, second by Supervisor Fischer to adopt. Forest Administrator Rantala discussed the withdrawal and trade of County Forest Land, which changes must be approved by the DNR. Roll call vote: 20 ayes, 1 absent. Resolution #42-2020 is adopted.

**RS #43-2020** Reconsider Resolution RS #6-2019: Covered in Old Business earlier in the meeting.

**RESOLUTION #44-2020**

**INTRODUCED BY: BOARD OF HEALTH**

**INTENT: OBERVANCE OF GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY ORDER #1 "RELATING TO PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 BY REQUIRING FACE COVERINGS IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS" AT COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant the Governor's Emergency Order #1 (attached) effective August 1, 2020:

**FACE COVERING REQUIRED.** Every individual, age five and older, in Wisconsin shall wear a face covering if both of the following apply:

- a. The individual is indoors or in an enclosed space, other than at a private residence; and;
- b. Another person or persons who are not members of individual's household or living unit are present in the same room or enclosed space.; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board meeting room is a "enclosed space" where others are present and therefore the Board of Health requests that observance of Emergency Order #1 be adopted as a policy of the County Board, applicable to all members of the County Board, such that: While Emergency Order (EO) #1 is in effect, all members of the County Board are required to wear face coverings when attending meetings of the County Board, unless one of the exemptions listed in EO #1 applies; and

**WHEREAS**, adopting this policy provides the County Board with a method to enforce its membership to observe EO #1 during County Board meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Rules of the County Board: Each member of the Langlade County Board of Supervisors shall: follow applicable policies and procedures adopted by the County Board ... (Rule 16.1) and failure to observe this would then be subject to enforcement by the County Board, including: private reprimand, public reprimand, payment of a forfeiture, etc. (Rule 17.1).

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to adopt this policy for members of the County Board to observe the Governor's Emergency Order #1 during County Board meetings.

**BOARD OF HEALTH & VETERANS COMMITTEES:**

Richard H. Hurlbert, Chairman  
Dave Krochalk  
Robert Benishek  
Thomas Bauknecht  
Warren Wagner  
Dr. Kristine Flowers  
Dr. Jeffery Nielsen  
Judy Popelka

**FISCAL NOTE:** No fiscal note.

Motion by Supervisor Hurlbert, second by Supervisor Benishek to adopt. Discussion on the Governor's Order, which allows lowering of the mask to speak and expires on September 28, 2020. Discussion held with many Supervisors expressing their thoughts and concerns on wearing face masks. Motion by Supervisor Curran to amend the resolution to add a sunset date of September 28, 2020, second by Supervisor Cahak. Voice vote: 6 ayes, 13 nays, 1 abstain, 1 absent. Motion to amend failed. Discussion continued. Voice vote: 10 ayes, 9 nays, 1 abstain, 1 absent. Motion carried. Resolution #44-2020 is adopted.

**RESOLUTION #45-2020**

**INTRODUCED BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**INTENT: AUTHORIZE NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000 FOR PURCHASE OF A PORTABLE SOUND SYSTEM FROM COMMITTED FOR CIP FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the sound system for the use in the County Board Room is not portable, requires microphones to be placed very close to the speaker's mouth in order to amplify sounds, and does not contain a sufficient number of microphones, such that microphones must be shared during County Board meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended that in order to comply with the protocols for COVID-19, the County purchases a new sound system that is portable, provides better sound amplification and that includes a sufficient number of microphones; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee recommends accepting the competitive proposal received from Camera Corner Inc. for a new sound system in the amount of \$71,602.38 (proposal on file in the County Clerk's Office); and

**WHEREAS**, it is proposed that the County purchase this equipment using funding available in the Committed for CIP Fund for a cost not to exceed \$75,000.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by a majority vote of the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$75,000 from the Committed for CIP Fund to purchase a new sound system from Camera Corner Inc. located in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

John Medo, Chairman

Ben Pierce  
George Shinnors  
Bob Benishek  
Don Scupien

**FISCAL NOTE:**

An amount not to exceed \$75,000 will be transferred from the Committed for Capital Improvement Projects fund account number 100.00.342110.0000 for the purchase of the portable sound system.

Motion by Supervisor Balcerzak, second by Supervisor Fischer to adopt. Motion by Supervisor Curran to remove the wording "Camera Corner" in the resolution and replace with taking the lowest proposal that meets the specs, second by Supervisor Wiegert. Discussion held. Voice vote on the amendment: 19 ayes, 1 nay, 1 absent. Resolution #45-2020 is amended. Voice vote on amended Resolution #45-2020: 20 ayes, 1 absent. Resolution #45-2020 as amended is adopted.

**RESOLUTION #46-2020**

**INTRODUCED BY: PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**INTENT: APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH NORTH CENTAL HEALTH CARE FOR THE OPERATION OF A SOBER LIVING PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, on August 18, 2020, the County Board approved a proposal for the Public Property Committee to take that lead on remodeling the property located at 915 First Avenue to the CBRF certification standards, subject to the funding limit of \$150,000, on the condition that NCHC "guarantees in writing" that it will operate the facility for at least two years; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 27, 2020, the NCHC Board adopted the attached MOU to represent a "guarantee in writing" that it will operate the facility located at 915 First Avenue consistent with the terms stated in the MOU (attached); and

**WHEREAS**, Committee recommends that the County Board adopt the attached MOU; and

**WHEREAS**, with the adoption of the MOU, the Committee will then take the lead on remodeling the facility located at 915 First Avenue to CBRF certification standards.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with North Central Health Care to operate a sober living program as referenced herein.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE:**

George Shinnors, Chairman  
Richard Wiegert  
Roger Buck  
Vern Cahak  
John Breske

**FISCAL NOTE:** Resolution #13-2019 The Sober Living Facility will open and operate for five years. In Fiscal Year 2019, the County committed \$130,000 for the initial investment using the Committed for Capital Improvement Projects Funds (G/L Account 100.00.342110.0000). The remaining funding of \$130,000 is due from the City of Antigo from the CDBG-Economic Development RLF CLOSE program and \$130,000 from community fundraising. In Fiscal Years 2020-2024 the county tax levy will not exceed \$20,000 per year. The estimated rental revenue is \$29,400 annually; North Central Healthcare will secure other funding sources (grants and donations) to cover all of the costs in excess of this revenue.

The remaining project balance, now approximately \$150,000, will be shared by the City & County to remodel the facility to CBRF certification standards.

Motion by Supervisor Balcerzak, second by Supervisor Bauknecht to adopt. Corporation Counsel Stowe addressed the Board regarding the MOU between Langlade County and NCHC, which MOU addresses the remodeling of the sober living facility, with a not to exceed \$150,000 for a CBRF facility, to operated by NCHC for five years. Public Property Committee will be taking the lead on the remodeling of the facility. Voice vote: 20 ayes, 1 absent. Resolution #46-2020 is adopted

**Committee Referrals:** Supervisor Benishek would like to refer to County Board cleaning up Langlade County, for public relations. Supervisor Curran discussed the junk ordinance.

**Update from Corporation Counsel and/or Interim County Manager:** Corporation Counsel Stowe addressed the topic of second judgeship for Langlade County, which was approved by County Board in 2018, also approved by the State of Wisconsin, which Judge will be appointed in July, 2022. Stowe discussed the lack of planning, staff and facilities for a second judge. Interim County Manager discussed the upcoming committee meetings: Finance, September 29, 2020 discussing the 2021 budget. October County Board meetings: October 20 & 27.

The Board did not move into closed session.

Motion by Supervisor Wiegert, second by Supervisor Novak to adjourn the September 16, 2020 meeting at 7:45 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

I, Judy Nagel, Langlade County Clerk, Antigo, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Langlade County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting of September 16, 2020. Note: These minutes are not official until they are approved by the County Board at their next meeting. A complete copy of the minutes is available in the County Clerk's Office.

Judy Nagel  
Langlade County Clerk

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2020.

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